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SUBJECT: APRIL 23-25 MINISTERIAL MEETING

1. FYI: TIMING OF MINISTERIAL NOW CONFLICTS WITH PLANNED
APRIL 25 VISIT HERE OF A FOREIGN LEADER WHICH WILL REQUIRE
SECRETARY'S PRESENCE. WE ARE CONSIDERING OPTIONS WHICH
WOULD NONETHELESS ENABLE THE SECRETARY TO ATTEND THE
MINISTERIAL--IF HE SO DESIRES--AND TO HAVE BILATERAL WITH
THE SHAH. END FYI.

2. WHY IS THE MINISTERIAL SCHEDULED FOR THREE RATHER THAN
TWO DAYS THIS YEAR? WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO COMPRESS IT
WITH THE OPEN AND RESTRICTED SESSIONS ON THE 23RD, AFTER
WHICH AMBASSADOR COULD REPRESENT US? THIS MIGHT ALLOW FOR
THE SECRETARY'S TIMELY RETURN TO WASHINGTON, THOUGH
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SCHEDULE WOULD BE BRUTAL. ALTERNATIVELY, WE MAY WANT TO
SUGGEST RESCHEDULING CENTO MINISTERIAL AFTER MAY 10-11
NATO MINISTERIAL.

3. AT THIS POINT WE SEEK EMBASSY'S OWN VIEWS ON THESE
ALTERNATIVES. PLEASE DO NOT DISCUSS THIS QUESTION WITH
CENTO OFFICIALS.

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